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25X1 5. [ ] Called on Senator Claiborne Pell (D., R.I.) who discussed his impressions from his recent travels in Eastern Europe. The Senator said that while at one time he had hoped for the gradual breaking away of the Eastern European countries from Moscow control, his recent trip convinced him that this was not going to happen in the foreseeable future, and that the Soviets would move with force, as they had in Czechoslovakia, whenever they thought it necessary to retain their essential control. The Senator speculated that there could be no real relaxation of Soviet control in Eastern Europe until a more moderate leadership came to power in Moscow, and that this was "a long way off."

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Senator Pell spoke of his concern that the U.S. had no advance warning of the Soviet move. I explained we had good coverage of the Soviet military posture at the time but only lacked inside information on the political decisions in the Politburo. Senator Pell said he thought we had "Moscow pretty well covered by internal agent networks." I said political intelligence was often the hardest kind to get--that politicians were fickle and unpredictable people and nobody knew what they were going to do next. I said that for this reason the Soviets probably had as much trouble with political intelligence as we did, and suggested this might explain some of the apparent Soviet blunders of recent years.

25X1 7. [ ] Confirmed with Miss Carol Tuchmann, Legislative Assistant for Representative Ogden R. Reid (R., N.Y.), the meeting with Mr. Reid at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow with [ ]

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